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July 21, 2009

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

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JULY 21, 2009

Sachi A. Hamai
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**ACQUISITION OF RIGHT OF WAY
IN THE UNINCORPORATED PALMDALE AREA
SIERRA HIGHWAY FROM STATE ROUTE 14 TO PEARBLOSSOM HIGHWAY
PARCELS 35-3RE, 35-3T, 35-5DE, 35-5RE, 35-5T, 35-7RE, 35-8DE, 35-8T, 35-9RE, 35-9T, 35-10RE, 35-10S, 35-10T, 35-10T.1, 35-10T.2, 35-11RE, 35-11T, 35-12RE, 35-12S, 35-12T, 35-12T.1, 35-12T.2, 35-14DE, 35-14DE.1, 35-18RE, and 35-18T
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

This action is to approve the acquisition of rights of way for the Sierra Highway road improvement project in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the acquisition of right of way for Sierra Highway, Parcels 35-3RE, 35-3T, 35-5DE, 35-5RE, 35-5T, 35-7RE, 35-8DE, 35-8T, 35-9RE, 35-9T, 35-10RE, 35-10S, 35-10T, 35-10T.1, 35-10T.2, 35-11RE, 35-11T, 35-12RE, 35-12S, 35-12T, 35-12T.1, 35-12T.2, 35-14DE, 35-14DE.1, 35-18RE, and 35-18T, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The purpose of the recommended action is to approve and finance the cost of acquisition of right of way necessary to construct the Sierra Highway road improvement project, in an amount not to exceed \$250,000. Negotiations are ongoing, but due to time constraints, the Department of Public Works (Public Works) is requesting your Board's authorization to complete negotiations with the property owners within the above-specified financial limits.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The Countywide Strategic Plan directs the provision of Community and Municipal Services (Goal 3), which provides quality public works infrastructure and land development services to our communities and will enhance the quality of life in the County of Los Angeles.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no impact to the County General Fund.

The fair market values for Parcels 35-3RE, 35-3T, 35-5DE, 35-5RE, 35-5T, 35-7RE, 35-8DE, 35-8T, 35-9RE, 35-9T, 35-10RE, 35-10S, 35-10T, 35-10T.1, 35-10T.2, 35-11RE, 35-11T, 35-12RE, 35-12S, 35-12T, 35-12T.1, 35-12T.2, 35-14DE, 35-14DE.1, 35-18RE, and 35-18T have a cumulative appraised value of \$126,700. Negotiations are ongoing, but the cost to acquire the necessary right of way is not to exceed \$250,000. The acquisition cost will be financed with State Proposition 1B transportation bond funds under the Local Streets and Road Improvement, Congestion Relief, and Traffic Safety Account of 2006. This project is included in the Fifth Supervisorial District's Road Construction Program in the Fiscal Year 2009-10 Proposed Road Fund Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Sierra Highway road improvement project includes widening and realigning approximately 0.80 miles of Sierra Highway between State Route 14 and Pearblossom Highway in the unincorporated Palmdale area. The project involves the acquisition of easements for public road and highway, slope, drainage, and temporary construction areas from several property owners. Since the purchase price for these parcels is anticipated to exceed \$25,000, Board approval is necessary.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

On July 15, 2008, Synopsis 34, your Board approved the Final Environmental Impact Report for the Sierra Highway road improvement project. The recommended action is within the scope of the project previously certified in the Final Environmental Impact Report.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The Sierra Highway road improvement project will improve traffic flow and navigability for motorists in the project area.

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CONCLUSION

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to Public Works, Survey/Mapping & Property Management Division.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Farber".

GAIL FARBER

Director

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c: Auditor-Controller (Accounting Division - Asset
Management)
Chief Executive Office (Lari Sheehan)
County Counsel
Executive Office